

Business Student Council Presents:
SPRING BUSINESS CAREER FAIR 99 Feb. 15-18

Monday, February 15th
 Reception at the Hilton Hotel, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 16th
 Company booths in Wehner Building
 Reception at Briarcrest Country Club, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 17th
 Company booths in Wehner Building
 Reception at Messina Hof, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 18th
 Company booths in Wehner Building
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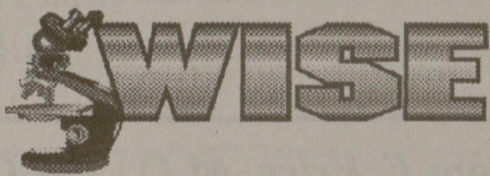
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The Women In Science and Engineering (WISE), an organization of women graduate students, staff, and faculty will host its seventh annual all-day professional and career development conference.

The conference "Creating a Positive Career Experience", which will take place on Saturday, February 20, 1999, at the MSC on the Texas A&M campus, will focus on giving participants the skills and insights needed to succeed in the scientific and technological workplace of the year 2000 and beyond.

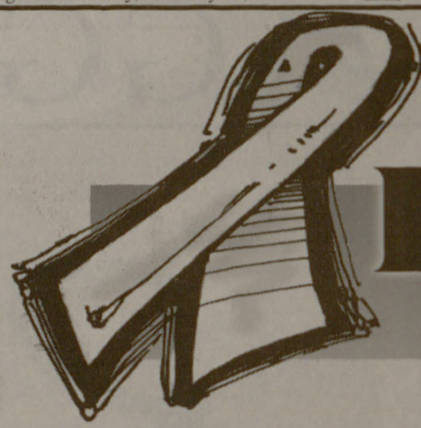
Participants will select from topics such as:
 Positive Perceptions
 Your Turn-My Turn
 Enhancing Career Advancement

This year's keynote speaker will be the Special Assistant to the Provost of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr. Stephanie Bird.

Contact Nancy Magnussen at (409) 845-5587 or via e-mail at nancy@isc.tamu.edu for registration information. Free child care will be provided on site. Registration deadline is February 18th.

Sponsors: Office of the Vice President for Research and Associate Provost for Graduate Studies, College of Science, College of Engineering, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, College of Geosciences and Maritime Studies, College of Veterinary Medicine

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AIDS AWARENESS

**AIDS Service educates community
 searches for student volunteers**

BY MICHELLE MCNEELY
 The Battalion

AIDS is the number one killer of Americans ages 25 to 44-years-old. It is the number eight cause of death in the country, and 300,000 people have died in the United States from the disease.

Incidences of AIDS have increased in recent years mostly because of heterosexual contact.

In a study from the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, trends suggest that the number of women diagnosed with AIDS due to heterosexual contact will continue to increase throughout the South.

The study also reveals African-Americans and Hispanics have higher incident rates of AIDS than Caucasians.

Margaret Griffith, Health Education Coordinator at A.P. Beutel Health Center, said the majority of AIDS cases are the result of unsafe behaviors.

"Studies show that college students are engaging in risk behaviors that transmit HIV," Griffith said. "[They] indicate that 85 percent of college students nationwide have had sex.

Out of those surveyed, 75 percent of the students didn't use a condom during their last intercourse.

"In Brazos County, as well as many other counties, the highest number of cases of sexually transmitted diseases fall in the age range of 15 to 19-year-olds followed closely by 20 to 23-year-olds," Griffith said.

A vast majority of college students are in these two groups, which overlap to form the majority of the cases.

"There are really no numbers of students who have AIDS at Texas A&M," she said. "The average college student does not have AIDS. They're more likely to have HIV because AIDS takes at least 10 to 15 years to develop."

Sara Kattawar, volunteer coordinator at AIDS Services of Brazos Valley, said that once someone knows they have contracted HIV, there are certain steps they can take to help maintain their health.

"It's hard for people once they are diagnosed with HIV," Kattawar said. "They are in shock, and they don't know what to do. At AIDS Services, our clients work with a case manager to get the care and medicine that they need.

"Many of our clients do really well. It would be much harder if they didn't have support from a group or their family."

AIDS Services of Brazos Valley is one of several organizations in the area trying to prevent the further spread of HIV in the community through testing and education.

AIDS Services is a private, non-profit organization operated by volunteers to provide outreach and education in a variety of settings.

Counselors are available at AIDS Services to answer students' questions and identify ways students can reduce the risk of HIV infection.

The organization also offers free anonymous testing.

AIDS Services offers a variety of programs to meet the needs of the community.

Peer education is a special branch at AIDS Services dedicated to educating the community. It matches peer educators with a variety of cultures and age groups throughout Brazos Valley.

Street Outreach is a new program sponsored by AIDS Services designed to target high-risk individuals through one-to-one interaction.

The outreach program provides direct education in settings where the individuals are most vulnerable.

AIDS Services is in need of volunteer individuals on risk education, help with and perform duties around the office.

Sara Mendez, an employee at AIDS Services, said the organization is constantly searching for interested individuals to help out.

"We are willing to take anyone who is interested in being a volunteer," Mendez said. "We don't have any requirements."

Prevention specialists on staff, along with other staff, help raise awareness through individual and group efforts.

Volunteers help with HIV testing as well as other educational programs.

"Volunteers take up the slack for what our employees cannot do," Mendez said. "Our staff is not large enough to do it all by themselves. After graduation, we receive from our volunteers is appreciated."

Many students, interested in medical careers, are also interested in community health education, volunteer at AIDS Services to gain experience with HIV and AIDS.

They not only receive a resume boost, but also gain hands-on experience, a valuable asset for a job after graduation.

There are also many organizations in the area committed to teaching awareness to students.

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— Margaret Griffith
 Beutel Health Education Center

Aggie Representatives Education Association (REACH) is a group of students who give presentations on HIV, sexually transmitted diseases and other health related issues.

Courtney Pickens, junior biological science major and member of REACH, said that the number of AIDS cases may be slowly decreasing, but it is still a concern.

"It is important to let people know that AIDS are still out there," Pickens said. "The ease that it is spread through college campuses through sexual contact.

"Since there are no statistics for AIDS containing the virus, AIDS awareness is important on campus. Many students still have misconceptions about HIV and AIDS. Students that they can tell if someone has the disease by how clean they look or what social group they belong to, but it's impossible."

For more information on volunteering at AIDS Services of Brazos Valley, call Sara Kattawar at 260-2437.

For more information about free anonymous testing, contact AIDS Services of Brazos Valley at 260-AIDS, Beutel at 845-1341, or Brazos Health Department at 361-4450.

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Wednesday, February 17, 1999

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Business Career Fair, Wehner Building
 5:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m. "Meet the Firm" Night, Rudder Theatre

Thursday, February 18, 1999

9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. Pre-Employment Testing, Rudder Theatre
 * Interview is contingent on passing the timed pre-employment test

Friday, February 19, 1999

Interviews
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